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1. YUGOSLAV SECOND SECRETARY STOIMENOVSKI EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE OPTIMISM IN THE OUTLOOK FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION PROJECTS WITH ROMANIA IN A MEETING WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 12. HE SAID THAT SECOND IRON GATES (DJERDAP) HYDROELECTRIC POWER PROJECT WAS READY FOR SIGNATURE, AND THAT IT WOULD BE NORMAL FOR IT TO BE SIGNED BETWEEN "PRESIDENTS". WHEN ASKED WHETHER THAT MEANT A PRESIDENTIAL MEETING WOULD OCCUR SOON, STOIMENOVSKI BACKPEDALLED SWIFTLY, SAYING IT COULD, OF COURSS, ALSO BE SIGNED BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS (PRESUMABLY PRIME MINISTERS).

2. DISCUSSIONS ARE ALSO CONTINUING ON IRON GATES III, THE PROJECT (UPSTREAM FROM IRON GATES I) FOR PUMPING DANUBE WATER INTO LAKES IN THE YUGOSLAV MOUNTAINS DURING PERIODS OF

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LOW POWER DEMAND, AND RELEASING THE WATER FOR POWER PRODUCTION

DURING PEAK DEMAND PERIODS (REFAIR NOTAL). ALTHOUGH THESE
POWER FACIL
ITIES WOULD BE ALL ON THE YUGOSLAV SIDE, POWER
CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION WOULD BE SHARED EVENLY BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. STOIMENOVSKI ALSO MENTIONED THE PROJECT TO SUPPLY YUGOSLAV
PROPYLENE AND ETHYLENE TO THE ROMANIAN PETROCHEMICAL PLANT
IN TIMISOARA, IN EXCHANGE FOR ROMANIAN ASSISTANCE IN CONSTRUCTING
THE YUGOSLAV PRODUCTION FACILITIES. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE
QUANTITIES OF PROPYLENE AND ETHYLENE WERE NOT LARGE, BY
1993 WHEN THE 20 YEAR AGREEMENT EXPIRES, IT WILL HAVE BEEN
OF SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT TO YUGOSLAVIA.

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